

UMTA initiatives in India

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Entry in the State list of the 7th schedule of the Constitution

“13. Communications, that is to say, roads, bridges, ferries, and other means of communication not specified in List I; municipal tramways; ropeways; inland waterways and traffic thereon ----“

Multiple agencies dealing with urban transport

- Transport department
- Urban Development Department
- Home department
- Revenue Department
- Finance Department
- Planning Department
- Environment department
- Pubic Works Department
- Police
- RTA/STA
- Municipal corporation
- Urban Development Authority
- State Transport Corporation
- Pollution Control Board

First initiatives

- Greater Guwahati Transport Coordination Committee, set up in 1999
 - Headed by Chief Secretary and including heads of all relevant agencies
 - Held only one meeting
- Delhi Transport Planning Group, set up in 2001
 - Headed by the Chief Minister and included all relevant officers + some experts
 - Did not meet

Recent experience

- Hyderabad
- Bangalore
- Mumbai
- Delhi

Hyderabad

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- Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) set up in 2008, under a special enactment
- Responsibilities:
 - Preparation of Metropolitan Development and Investment Plans
 - Promotion of Development and Use of Lands
 - Acquisition, Assembly and Disposal of Lands
 - Levy, Assessment and Recovery of Development Charge and User Charge
- The Act also establishes the UMTA for the Hyderabad Metropolitan Region

Composition of UMTA

- Chief Secretary - Chairman
- Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation
- Secretaries, Urban Development Department / Transport Department / Roads & Buildings Department
- Managing Director, AP State Road Transport Corporation
- Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad / Cyberabad
- Member Secretary, AP Pollution Control Board
- General Manager, South Central Railway
- Transport Commissioner
- Two experts in the field of Urban Transport
- Metropolitan Commissioner - Member Convenor

Functions of the UMTA

- Oversee and ensure effective coordination of traffic and transportation measures undertaken by various agencies
- Ensure that effective public transport systems are in place
- Promote and monitor major traffic and transportation projects
- Recommend effective transportation for the HMR
- Integrate Action Plans of various Departments and Agencies
- Give directions to different agencies involved in transportation
- Process funds for implementation of proposals
- Integrate various routes of public transport and issues of combined ticketing, feeder services etc.
- Approve traffic and transportation proposals/projects from any agency
- Direct appropriation/subvention of funds from various departments and agencies for ensuring implementation of the traffic and transportation plans and measures in the HMR

Initial issues taken up

- Introduction of CNG in the city
- Implementation of ITS on an upcoming outer ring road
- Commissioning a comprehensive transportation study for Hyderabad Region
- Setting up a SPV for BRTS operations in the city
- Earmarking land for future passenger and freight terminals in the Hyderabad region

Funds

- Metropolitan Development Fund, with a seed capital of Rs 200 crores and a revolving fund of Rs 100 crores has been created under the enactment itself

Bangalore

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- Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) set up under an executive order, with following functions:
 - Periodic assessment of travel demand
 - Determination of the level of public transport required in different corridors and the type of transport systems required
 - Assessment & recommendation of the new investments needed
 - Procurement of public transport service from private operators
 - Policy guidelines for development of the total network in urban areas
 - Designing and developing integrated policies and plans for city level transportation

Jurisdiction

- Initially covers the jurisdiction of seven Municipal Corporations - Bangalore, Mysore, Mangalore, Hubli-Dharwad, Belgaum, Gulbarga and Bellary
- Proposed to be extended to cover all towns/cities/urban settlements with a population $> 100,000$

Immediate tasks assigned

- Future perspectives and planning
- Issues relating to technology
- Issues relating to financing
- Engineering issues
- Legal/administrative/regulatory issues
- Capacity building and awareness issues

For Bangalore

- Bangalore Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) set up through an Executive Order in 2007
- Following functions assigned
 - Co-ordinate all land transport matters in the Metropolitan Region
 - Prepare detailed Master Plan for Transport Infrastructure
 - Oversee implementation of all transportation projects
 - Appraise and recommend transportation and infrastructure projects for bilateral / Central assistance
 - Function as empowered Committee for all Urban Transportation Projects
 - Initiate action for a regulatory framework for all land transport systems in BMR
 - Initiates steps, for a common ticketing system
 - Take any other decision for integrated urban transport and land use planning

Composition of BMLTA

- Headed by Chief Secretary
- Heads of all relevant departments and agencies
- General Manager of the Railways
- Two experts
- Commissioner of DULT is the Member Convenor

Sub-groups to discuss specific items

- Comprehensive Traffic and Transportation Plan
- Inter-modal bus terminals
- Bangalore Traffic and Transport Initiative
- Parking Policy and Infrastructure
- Mono-rail
- Commuter Rail System
- External Development and Infrastructure Charges
- Code and Guidelines for Roads and ITS facilities

Mumbai

Mumbai

- Unified Mumbai Metropolitan Transport Authority set up through an executive order in Feb.2008
- Jurisdiction covers the entire Mumbai Metropolitan Region
- Housed within the MMRDA
- Objects are to
 - Bring about co-ordination between the different institutions under the govt. of Maharashtra on transport matters of Mumbai Region
 - Function as an empowered Authority for transport related issues
 - Decisions taken by UMMTA regarding priorities of infrastructure facilities, fund raising, distribution and management shall be considered as final
- It is not permitted to take any such decisions which may interfere with the Constitutional Rights of ULBs.

Can recommend or notify on:

- Integrated Traffic Plan for MMR
- Co-ordination between Regional / and City level Development Plans and Regional Transport program
- Modal priorities and integration
- Prioritizing and integration of infrastructure facilities
- Selection of execution institution for infrastructure facilities
- Express bus services
- Financial planning and distribution
- Execution techniques including PPP
- Transport related research
- Training for transport sector

Committees under UMMTA

- Planning Committee
- Finance committee
- Traffic transport engineering committee
- Transport management committee
- Security and environmental committee
- Transport & Transport Hub committee
- Law committee

Composition

- Chief Secretary - Chairman
- Additional Chief Secretary (Urban Development)
- Secretary, Urban Development / Planning / Transport / Environment / Law & Judiciary / Special Project / PWD
- General Manager, Central Railway / Western Railway / Konkan Railway
- Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA
- Commissioner, MCGM
- Police Commissioner, Mumbai
- Transport Commissioner, Mumbai
- VC & MD, CIDCO / MSRDC
- MD, MTDC / GM, BEST
- Representative of Chatrapati Shivaji International Airport Company
- Transport Expert
- Transport Engineer
- Joint Commissioner, MMRDA - Member Secretary

Delhi

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- Proposals developed to set up an UMTA, through executive order, with following composition:
 - Chief Minister - Chairperson
 - Ministers of Transport / Urban Development / PWD
 - Chief Secretary
 - Principal Secretaries of related Departments
 - V.C Delhi Development Authority
 - Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi
 - Commissioner, New Delhi Municipal Corporation
 - Nominated Experts

Proposed functions

- Be an apex decision making body on all transit matters
- Prepare a master plan for development of public transit infrastructure
- Formulate an effective and sustainable transit policy
- Plan, develop, operate, maintain and regulate all modes of public transit/transport infrastructure and facilities in collaboration with departments and local bodies
- Network planning
- Issue of permits, licenses etc. and other concessions
- Recommended changes in laws, rules, and policy related to transport matters
- Levy fees, development charges to finance planning, development, operation and maintenance of public transit infrastructure
- Interaction, coordination and accommodation among agencies
- Integrate landuse and transport planning
- Manage road demand
- Integration and regulation of all para transit modes
- Develop transport hubs, interchange points, parking facilities etc.
- Develop a parking policy

Analysis

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- All UMTA's essentially recommendatory and coordination bodies – not implementing agencies
- Hyderabad and Mumbai are under the Regional Development Authority – meaning easier availability of funds
- Delhi and Bangalore are outside the Regional Development Authority – availability of funds will be an issue
- Only Delhi headed by CM (proposed), all others by CS
- All four are official bodies, but can engage professionals
- All four are excellent platforms for coordinated thinking and planning – how effective they become – time will tell

Thank You